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SUBJECT: PAK PRESS CARRIES FRENCH PRESIDENT'S REAFFIRMATION OF
REPROCESSING PLANT SALE

1. FEBRUARY 17 PAKISTAN PRESS CARRIED PPI STORY REPORTING
FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD S'ESTAING'S FEBRUARY 7 INTERVIEW
WITH FRENCH DAILY OUEST-FRANCE. STORY WAS APPARENTLY
BASED ON FEBRUARY 14 FRENCH EMBASSY PRESS HANDOUT CONTAINING
RELEVANT PORTIONS OF OUEST-FRANCE INTERVIEW. FRENCH EMBASSY
TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.... AND WE ARE WILLING TO ACT IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO
AVOID IT, BY USING ALL POSSIBLE SAFEGUARDS.

NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL BECOME INDISPENSIBLE IN THE NEAR
FUTURE, FOR OURSELVES, BECAUSE WE HAVE NO OTHER SOURCE OF
ENERGY, AND FOR MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NO OTHER
SOURCE OF ENERGY EITHER.

THE PROBLEM LIES WITH WHAT IS CALLED "FUEL" SINCE THE
PRODUCTION AND TRANSFORMATION OF THIS FUEL IS ACCOMPANIED BY
BY-PRODUCTS WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE UTILIZED FOR MILITARY
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PURPOSES. THIS HAS LED US TO A FIRST DECLARATION, ACCORDING
TO WHICH WE SAID THAT, FROM NOW ON, WE WOULD NOT GIVE ANY
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE ABROAD OF REPROCESSING PLANTS.,
AS FAR AS PAKISTAN IS CONCERNED, THE PROBLEM IS DIFFERENT,
THIS CONTRACT WAS SIGNED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND FRANCE DOES
NOT REVERSE HER COMMITMENTS. WHEN SOMETHING GETS SIGNED AFTER
LONG CONSULTATIONS AND, I INSIST UPON THIS POINT, WITH ALL

THE GUARANTEES REQUIRED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY,
WE DO NOT GO BACK O N OUR SIGNATURE. BESIDES, PAKISTAN INDICATED
AT SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT SHE HAD NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER TO
UTILIZE THIS FACILITY FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, AND THAT SHE IS
READY TO ACCEPT ANY GUARANTEE AND SAFEGUARD WHICH WOULD ENABLE
US TO ASCERTAIN IT. END QUOTE.

2. PPI STORY STATED THAT AFFIRMATION OF SALE WAS SIGNIFICANT
IN WAKE OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ABOUT US-FRENCH DISCUSSION
OF ISSUE FOLLOWING VISIT TO FRANCE BY U.S. VICE PRESIDENT.

3. GOVERNMENT-OWNED PAKISTAN TIMES HAD ONLY SMALL ARTICLE
BURIED ON PAGE 9 GIVING GIST OF GISCARD'S STATEMENT. OTHER
PAK PAPERS WE HAVE SEEN GAVE STORY FRONT PAGE OR PROMINENT
BACK PAGE PLAY AND GAVE FULL TEXT OF PPI ITEM.
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